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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment and Response to the rejection dated November 23, 2004 in the above-referenced patent application. Application herewith submits a fee under 1.17(e) and a three-month extension. Allowance of pending claims 1-20 in view of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

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